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A kiss is not just a kiss in Dubai

SENTENCE A Dubai appeals court upheld a one-month prison sentence yesterday for a British couple convicted of kissing in a restaurant.

The pair landed in court after an Emirati woman complained about the public kiss, which the couple insisted was just a peck on the cheek. They were arrested in November and convicted of inappropriate behaviour and illegal drinking.

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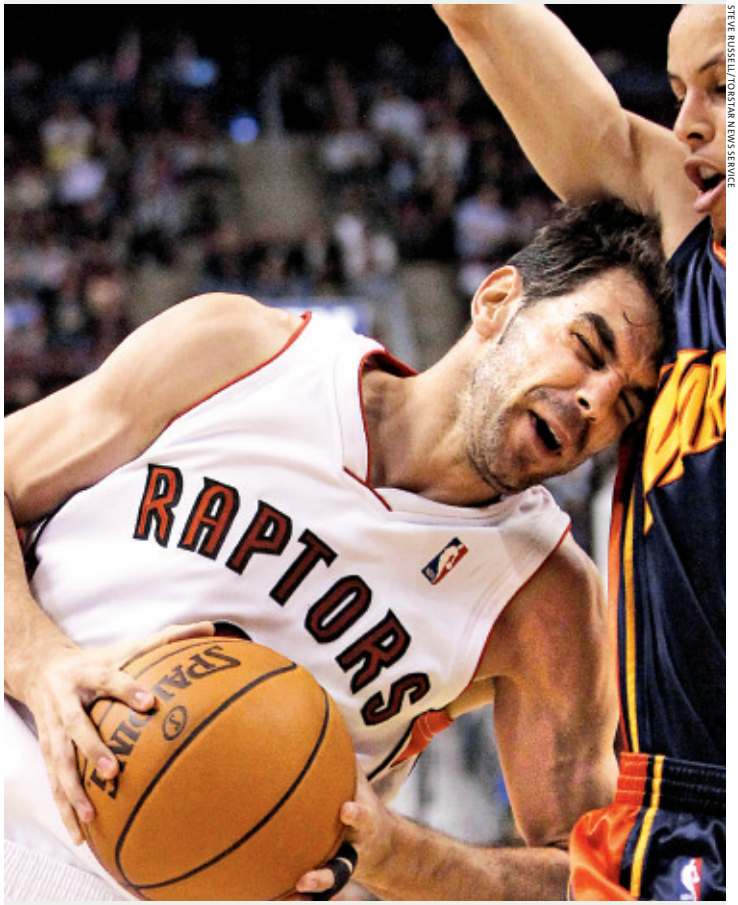

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Toronto Raptors Jose Calderon runs into Golden State Warriors Stephen Curry yesterday at the ACC. Curry had 29 points as the Warriors edged the Raptors 113-112. The loss allowed Chicago to creep closer to Toronto for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. More coverage, page 18.

Rowdy renters

Oshawa families suing city in bid to reclaim neighbourhood

Cathy Provenzano's two children can't ride their bikes or go on their own to the park in their north Oshawa neighbourhood.

The hundreds of university and college students renting houses in their midst make it too risky, she says.

"Every Friday, every Saturday, there are parties. They offered booze to kids in the park once," Provenzano fumed. "Now I have to tell my kids they're not allowed to enjoy their neighbourhood."

She's one of numerous homeowners who are fed up with ongoing problems of noise, parking, parties, garbage and vandalism. Acting on their behalf, four members of the Cedar Valley Home Owners Association of north Oshawa are suing the city in a bid to reclaim their neighbourhood.

"We're not asking for money," says association president Emil Hanzelka. "We want this neighbourhood returned to single-family homes, which is what it was built for."

The city has failed to enforce the zoning bylaw, they contend, allowing absentee landlords to rent out as many as six or eight bedrooms, which is illegal in a single-family area. The allegations have not been proven in court.

After years of complaining, suggesting solutions and meeting with officials and council — all to no avail — residents feel Oshawa Mayor John Gray has let them down and their only recourse is to take the city to court.

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Mess of a time

- Homeowners cite broken glass, beer bottles and condoms strewn around, front lawns torn up by cars, eggs thrown at houses and garbage piled up.

Sexual predator pardoned by National Parole Board

CRIME Graham James, the junior coach convicted of sexually abusing his players in a case that rocked the hockey world from house leagues to the NHL, has been pardoned by the National Parole Board, The Canadian Press has learned.

Though the pardon was granted three years ago, it comes to public light only now as a result of a previously unknown accuser contacting Winnipeg police.

A shocked Prime Minister's Office, notified of the pardon by The Canadian Press, called it a "deeply troubling and gravely disturbing" development that demands an explanation from the parole board.

James, now 58, pleaded guilty to sexual assault after two of his former teenaged players, including ex-NHLer Sheldon Kennedy, came forward with their stories of abuse at his hands from 1984-95. James was sentenced to 3½ years in prison in 1997.

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Cops watching sport bikes

With warmer weather, more people will be taking their motorcycles out for a spin, but Ontario Provincial Police are urging bikers to be cautious. OPP Sergeant Dave Woodford says police will be keeping an eye on sport motorcycles speeding and driving dangerously by using its aircraft. Woodford says some people using sport motorcycles travel at high speeds, dart in and out of traffic and stunt drive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Food banks falling short of donation targets

The Daily Bread and North York Harvest food banks are extending their spring fundraising drives an extra week, faced with less than half the donations they had hoped for.

The Daily Bread wanted 250,000 pounds of food by next Friday, but so far has collected only 77,000 pounds. "That's just not going to cut it," said Gail Nyberg, executive director of the city's largest food bank. She's also aiming for $250,000 in monetary donations, but had raised only $70,000 by Saturday night.

"There shouldn't be a competition," said Nyberg, "but if someone has $100, they give where they think the most need is." That could be an international charity, she said, let alone one of the city's other food banks.

North York Harvest has only gathered about half of its 72,000 lbs goal. Both food banks were supposed to end their drives next Friday, April 9, but are carrying on until the 16th. This year, North York Harvest is running its first ever apartment food drive, placing donation boxes in the lobbies of 150 north-end buildings on April 12.

Anette Chawla, executive director of North York Harvest, said although the recession seems to be easing, economic recovery "takes time to trickle down to people living in poverty or near poverty." Between January 2009 and January 2010, Daily Bread saw 41,000 more people using its food banks, a 17 per cent increase in clientele.

Money raised is used to buy fresh produce, and to stock food bank shelves for low donation periods, like the summer.

"That's why we're feeling fearful that our drive is doing so poorly," said Nyberg. "Our donors may be on vacation, but hunger is not." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

How and what to donate

- Both charities collect food at local firehalls and Loblaws stores and accept monetary donations on their websites, www.northyorkharvest.com and www.dailybread.ca.
- Non-perishable high protein and whole grain items are most needed. "Think about what you eat at home," said Annete Chawla of North York Harvest. "Chances are that other people would like to eat the same thing."

News in brief

OSHAWA The funeral for a 16-year-old Oshawa student who was stabbed to death at a bus stop near his school has been planned for today. A funeral service for Michael McDonald will be held at noon at Westminister United Church in Oshawa. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Humane Society of Durham Region. McDonald was stabbed to death on Tuesday after classes let out. Eighteen-year-old year Jacques Amakon has been charged with second-degree murder.

CHILD CARE Boards are asking the province to allow non-profit child cares to run the before- and after-school part of the full-day kindergarten program which begins this fall. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Easter Unicyclists on parade

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Unicyclists make their way down Queen Street East yesterday during the 44th annual Toronto Beaches Lions Club Easter Parade.

Sexual health info goes mobile

HEALTH Toronto Public Health is making the search for reliable sexual health information easier by providing a unique cell-phone service that links teens to existing clinics, programs and information phone lines in the city.

The service uses text messaging to quickly connect teens and young adults to resources that can help answer questions about sexual health including, what to do if a condom breaks during sex, how to find out whether a missed period means pregnancy and where to go in Toronto to get free testing for sexually transmitted infections.

The text message service — you start by texting 365247 to TOHealth — is another tool in Toronto Public Health's arsenal for sexual health education and promotion, said Michelle Hamilton-Page, a sexual health promoter at Toronto Public Health. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Pickering man charged with child luring

A 52-year old man from Pickering was charged Saturday in Niagara Falls after police allege he used the Internet to lure young people to a hotel room for sexual encounters. Robert Bridgeman is charged with one count each of luring a child and sexual interference. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New rules for rentals could squeeze homebuyers

MORTGAGES Buying a house in the hot markets of Vancouver, Toronto and other major cities in recent years has been possible for some homebuyers only because those houses had suites they could rent out. But new rules coming into effect April 19 will all but wipe out that advantage in the eyes of banks handing out mortgages.

Currently, landlords can use 80 per cent of their rental income to offset monthly mortgage payments. That means, if they receive $1,000 per month in rental income, they can use $800 to offset a $1,200 mortgage payment, leaving only $400 to be debt financed.

But under the new rule, only 50 per cent of a landlord's rental income will be used. Even then, that money will not be used to offset their monthly mortgage payment. It will be added to their total income, forcing them to qualify for the entire monthly mortgage.

"Anything that strengthens mortgage rules ... is a good thing."
Jeordie Dent, tenant advocate in Toronto

The changes also make it more difficult for people to buy a separate property to use as a revenue generator.

The changes haven't worried groups advocating for tenants. Jeordie Dent, of the Federation of Metro Tenants' Association in Toronto said he doesn't see a negative impact on renters. "Anything that strengthens mortgage rules, from our perspective, is a good thing.

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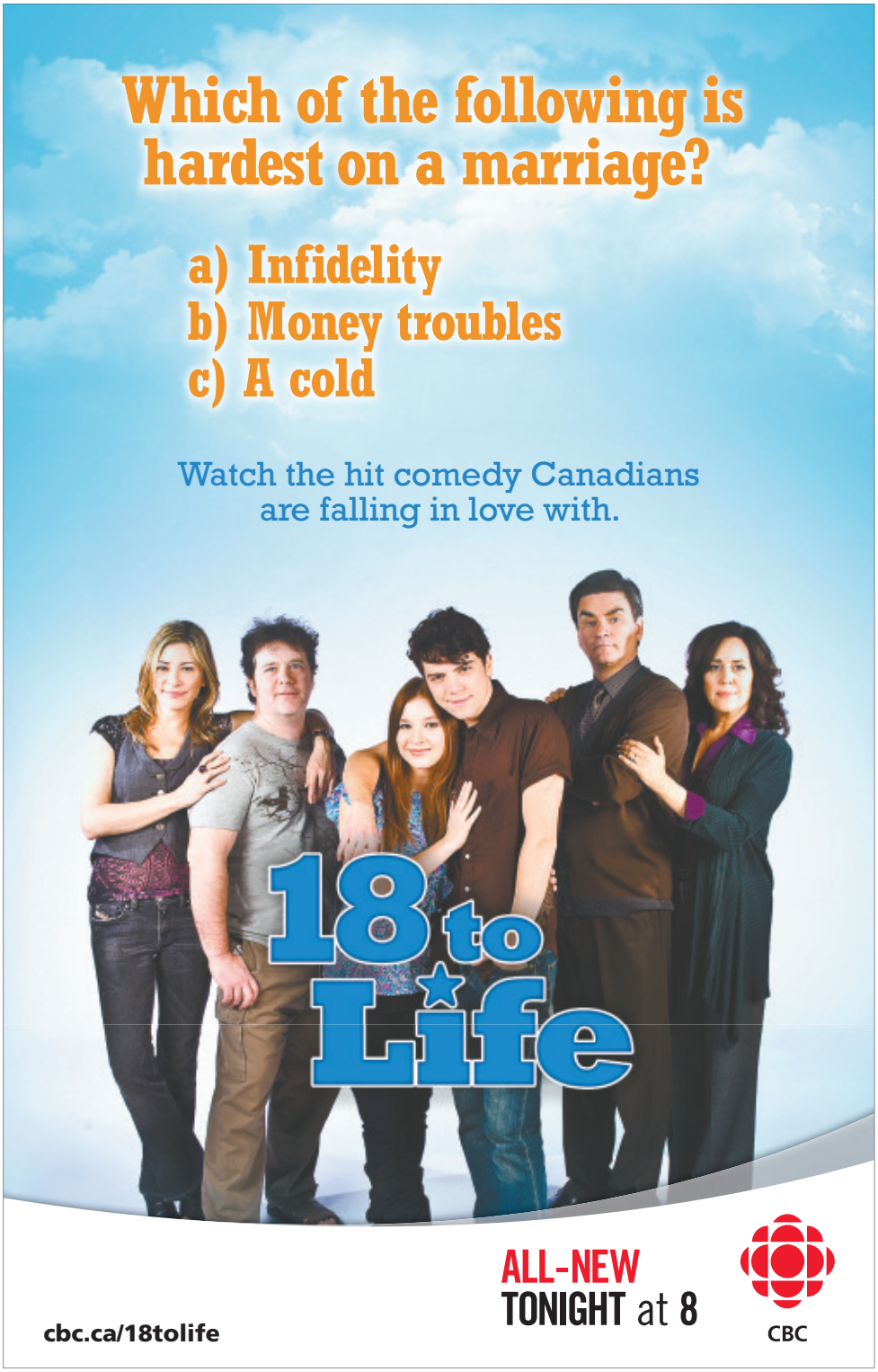
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Riverdale Farm **Goat encounter**

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Emmaneul Dinga, 2, isn't sure what to make of his first face-to-face encounter with a goat during a visit to Riverdale Farm yesterday with his mom Pamela. Warm weekend weather brought families out to the Cabbagetown park to visit the animals.

Duo guilty in last Creba trial

Family of Boxing Day shootout victim 'happy with outcome'

The family of the teenage girl killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout on Boxing Day 2005 found closure Thursday as the last of the men to stand trial for the crime were found guilty of manslaughter.

Jane Creba's killing sent waves of outrage rippling through Toronto and beyond over the random shooting on the city's busiest street — Yonge Street — on the busiest shopping day of the year.

A jury found Louis Woodcock, 23, and Tyshaun Barnett, 22, guilty of manslaughter in the 15-year-old's death, but not guilty of the more serious offence of second-degree murder.

They were also found guilty of four counts each of aggravated assault, relating to other people who were wounded by stray bullets that day.

Creba and her sister were among the throngs of bargain hunters on the street the day after Christmas. Creba left her sister to find a washroom and forensic evidence suggests Creba may have heard the shots, crouched and was hit in the back with a bullet.

Two other men have already been sentenced to life for second-degree murder in Creba's death.

"Obviously they want to have this behind them as well. It does bring closure to them."
Creba family spokesman

Woodcock and Barnett's trial was the last of three trials, and for Creba's family that brings a sense of relief, said a police officer who has served as a spokesman for the family.

"They are happy with the outcome and it is also an end to a chapter in this," Sgt. Savas Kyriacou, the lead investigator, said outside the courthouse.

"Obviously they want to have this behind them as well. It does bring closure to them."

Barnett's lawyer, Christopher Hicks, said his client didn't want anyone to get hurt.

"He's always been remorseful," Hicks said outside court.

A sentencing hearing has been set for April 22. A manslaughter conviction carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

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News in brief

FATAL CRASH A 21-year-old Mississauga man is facing a slew of charges in connection with a fatal collision in Acton. Police say a 22-year-old man is dead and five people injured in the single-vehicle crash early Saturday morning. Three female passengers are in hospital, one in critical condition. Two men from Mississauga, the driver and a passenger, fled the scene but were found by police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former Saskatchewan chief justice dies in Turkey

Edward Bayda, former chief justice of Saskatchewan, is being remembered as a gentleman and a courteous, patient judge. Bayda died Friday in hospital in Turkey where he was on holiday with family and friends, said a Saskatchewan government news release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Hansen not offered GG job: Spokeswoman

The Man in Motion isn't about to become Canada's next governor general just yet. A spokeswoman for Rick Hansen, left, said Saturday the wheelchair athlete has not been offered the job of the Queen's representative in Canada. Erin McMillan was responding to a report that said Prime Minister Stephen Harper was actively seeking a replacement for Michaëlle Jean, whose five-year term — which began in September 2005 — Harper has decided not to extend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cannon on sovereignty tour of North

ARCTIC Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon visits the Far North today to get a first-hand look at how scientists will help bolster Canada's future Arctic sovereignty claims.

Cannon's two-day trip will take him to Resolute Bay and the Borden Island Ice Camp, where scientists are conducting the fieldwork necessary to prepare Canada's submission to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

Canada has until 2013 to present its submission to the commission, which will decide Arctic boundaries among countries eager to exploit an area that contains an estimated one-quarter of the Earth's untapped oil and gas wealth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Enhancing digital economy

Tories plan consultation to help Canadians catch up to tech wave

Canadians might love their BlackBerrys, their EBay shopping and their PVRs, but businesses in this country haven't embraced the new digital world as much as other competitive nations.

That worries the Conservative government, which has been advised that technological takeup is directly linked to productivity and prosperity. The Tories plan to launch a major consultation to address the problem.

Industry Minister Tony Clement told The Canadian Press that he'll soon be announcing a discussion paper on the so-called "Digital Economy Strategy," and asking anybody who has a point of view to fire it off to Ottawa — through Facebook, email or Canada Post.

60% The Council of Canadian Academies Expert Panel on Business Innovation last year noted that the average investment in information and communications technology per worker in Canada was only 60 per cent that of the American worker.

Clement will be joined by Heritage Minister James Moore for a look at improving digital content, and by Human Resources Minister Diane Finley, who will examine how well Canadians are trained at using and creating new technologies.

An advisory panel will help Clement analyze the feedback the government receives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Industry Minister Tony Clement says the Conservatives will soon launch a major consultation to address the relatively slow takeup of technology among Canadian businesses.

Dominican police seek suspects in Canadian's death

CRIME Police in the Dominican Republic are searching for three men who they believe fatally stabbed a Canadian woman in her home.

A national district police chief said the victim is 54-year-old Louise Gaudreault.

The Quebec native had been living in the Caribbean country, where she owned a ranch, for the past 25 years.

Her body was found Thursday by neighbours in the bathroom of her home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Afghan pullout questioned

Relatives of some soldiers killed in Kandahar openly questioned Saturday whether the Canadian military should withdraw entirely from Afghanistan next year and suggested a premature retreat calls into question the sacrifices of their sons.

The Parliamentary motion to end combat operations by July 2011 has long been a sore point among military families, many of whom have said privately that there should be no arbitrary deadlines.

The comments came only days after U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pressured the Harper government to extend its stay.

Pte. Kevin Kennedy, of the 2nd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment, was among six soldiers to perish in an Easter Sunday 2007 roadside bombing and his parents and brother came to Kandahar Airfield this weekend to honour his loss.

"I don't want him to die in vain," said Myles Kennedy, Kevin's father.

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Stratford **When the swans go marching in**

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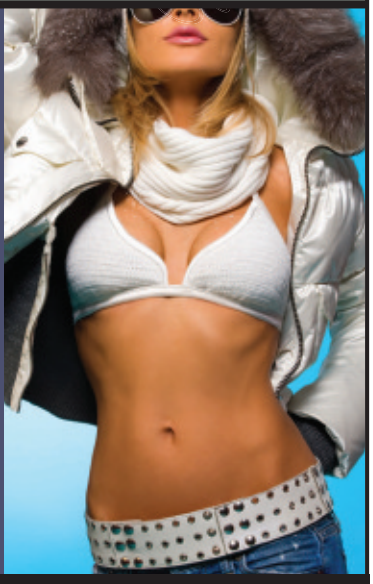

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It's time to speak up

TTC main union to hold three town-hall meetings

InTransit

Ed Drass

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The upcoming "town halls" being held by the TTC's main union represent a new twist in the oft-strained relationship between transit workers and the people who ride the system. Most interactions between TTC users and employees last but a few seconds and these meetings are a chance to explore why these encounters are at times so unsatisfactory.

The two-hour sessions, to take place three Sunday afternoons over the next few weeks, may be heavily covered by the media — and could end up looking like a public relations effort by the Amalgamated Transit Union.

And yet ATU local 113 has never reached out to riders like this — it is possible there is a shift in attitude among some in the union regarding "the travelling public."

Criticism of TTC workers has been building after extremely unpopular strikes in 2006 and 2008, and burst out during this winter's coverage of unseemly on-the-job behaviour. The ATU may be trying to restore some public support in advance of two events: The expiry next spring of its labour contract with the TTC; and a Toronto election where transit is a hot issue.

Another big concern is increased abuse of frontline staff — if overall rapport with riders improves then incidents of verbal and physical assault may drop.

The ATU's aim of the town halls may be self-serving, but I feel there is also a real gesture being made. The true proof of this occurs in those brief moments at the fare box. Have employees seemed more attentive since the huge outcry of a few months ago?

I asked to speak with ATU head Bob Kinnear for this column but he didn't reply.

It's worth noting that Kinnear won't be the only one on stage at the Sunday events — several union members will be there to hear and respond to riders. Control of each meeting is being turned over to a moderator, including radio host and former Conservative politician John Tory.

TTC chief general manager Gary Webster tells me he plans to attend the April 11 session and, hopefully, April 18 and May 2 as well.

He says opportunities for the public to show up and share its concerns are "a good thing. I think good will come out of this."

Webster also reports that the TTC's panel on customer service has met several times and has now reviewed the agency's complaint process. The panel is likely to announce its own series of public meetings soon.

Correction: Last week I wrote of the Let's Move regional transit plan. I meant The Big Move.

Quick tip

- See wemovetoronto.ca for details of the ATU town halls, including expected live and delayed webcasts and broadcasts.

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Views

Going cross-eyed gazing into a crystal ball

HineSight

Anne Hines

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Time, once again, for Wise Things Said By People Smarter Than Me. Fortunately, as always, there's no shortage of candidates.

Today's topic: "How to prepare for the future when you have no clue what it is."

Next week's column will be my last for Metro. As I contemplate what comes next for me, I find it can be summed up by these few words, "I have no idea." This shouldn't be a surprise. We never have any idea of what's coming next. We think we know, of course, which is why we have things like RRSPs and summer clothing that goes on sale in March.

But, really, trying to plan wisely for the future is a little like trying to pack sensibly for a trip without the least idea of where you're headed. So here's a few words of wisdom to help us prepare for any event.

"Sometimes not getting what you want is an extraordinary stroke of good luck."

– The Dalai Lama

The first thing that strikes us about this is, obviously, esteemed Tibetan Buddhist leaders don't know about shoe sales or income tax refunds. Otherwise, it's perfectly true that we have no idea what's good for us.

Given my way, I would have married Bart Smith back in Grade 3, which might not have turned out well at all. The trick is remembering that whatever happens there's only one guarantee: It will have good parts and bad parts. We may as well look for the good.

"You can't be brave if you only have wonderful things happen to you."

– Mary Tyler Moore

So true. If you never have a difficult challenging life experience, you can't be brave. You can, mind you, be wildly, insanely happy and content. Hmmm...

"It is those who have a deep and real inner life who are best able to deal with the irritating details of outer life."

– Evelyn Underhill

These people, plus chartered accountants. But the point is, peace happens from the inside out. Which brings us to these wise words from the poet Osho:

Sitting silently,
doing nothing,
Spring comes,
and the grass grows,
by itself.

Sometimes the only way to prepare for the future is to simply sit back and let it come.

Next week: For my final column, I'll be answering your questions, so send them to annemhines@gmail.com. Any topic you like. So long as it's writing, job loss or squirrel hating. I'm sticking with what I know.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Worth mentioning

Play explores women's rights in Middle East

Zahra Kazemi lies in a grave in Iran, far from her beloved son in Canada, controversy still swirling around her death in an Iranian prison seven years ago.

Mary Apick wants to make sure no one forgets her — or any other woman like her.

Zahra Kazemi

Kazemi, who a witness says was tortured to death in 2003 after being detained for photographing a demonstration, is highlighted in Apick's play, Beneath The Veil, which makes its Canadian debut at Toronto's MacMillan Theatre Saturday.

"Zahra was the main motivation for me to do this play," says Apick, an Iranian actress who now lives in the United States, explaining she was "very much affected" by her death.

The play has already been staged at the Kennedy Center in Washington with former U.S. first lady Laura Bush as its honorary chairwoman.

It heads to the Lincoln Center in New York after its one-night Toronto stand and Apick hopes to bring it to other cities in Canada.

Apick, a women's rights activist, fled Iran in 1978 just as the Iranian revolution exploded. She has never been back.

Her play is told from the viewpoint of an American journalist who is writing an article and falls asleep in her bedroom only to have the people she's researching come to life.

"Each has a story to tell," Apick said in an interview. "All these stories become her voice and the voice of the women of the world."

Apick plays Kazemi in the production and her story is told through a fictional farewell letter to her son shortly before she died.

Apick says she is "mesmerized" by Kazemi and her story. But her main objective remains to educate people about life in the Middle East and the challenges — and abuse — faced by women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Observation deck reopens at Dubai's Burj Khalifa
The observation deck of the world's tallest skyscraper reopened yesterday in Dubai, two months after an elevator malfunction that left visitors trapped more than 120 storeys above the ground forced it to close. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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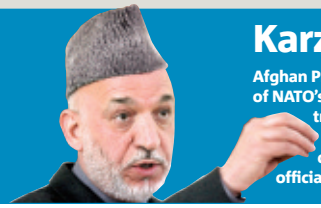

Karzai pays a visit to Kandahar

Afghan President Hamid Karzai tried to soften the political ground ahead of NATO's planned Kandahar offensive by promising consultation with tribal leaders in the province. He made a surprise, high-security visit to Kandahar City yesterday, along with NATO's top ground commander, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, and senior alliance official Mark Sedwill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawyers look into Pope's immunity

BRITAIN Protests are growing against Pope Benedict's planned September trip to Britain, where some lawyers question whether the Vatican's implicit statehood status should shield the Pope from prosecution over sex crimes by pedophile priests.

More than 10,000 people have signed a petition against the Pope's four-day visit, which will cost British taxpayers an estimated 15 million pounds. Although Benedict has not been accused of any crime, senior British lawyers are now examining whether the Pope should have immunity as a head of state and whether he could be prosecuted under the principle of universal jurisdiction for an alleged systematic coverup of sexual abuses by priests.

Universal jurisdiction — a concept in international law — allows judges to issue warrants for nearly any visitor accused of grievous crimes, no matter where they live.

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Cardinal defends Pope

Blasts 'petty gossip' from critics accusing pontiff of covering up abuse scandals

Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square, the Catholic Church's most joyous celebration, began with a senior cardinal defending Pope Benedict XVI from what he called "petty gossip" and hailing him for "unfailing" leadership and courage.

But the pontiff himself ignored accusations that he perpetuated a climate of coverup for pedophile priests, even as sex abuse scandals threatened to overshadow his papacy.

The ringing tribute by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, at the start of Mass attended by tens of thousands of faithful, marked an unusual departure from the Vatican's Easter rituals, infusing the tradition-steeped religious ceremony with an air of a papal pep rally.

Sodano's praise for Benedict as well as the church's 400,000 priests worldwide cranked up a vigorous campaign by the Holy See to counter what it calls a "vile" smear operation orchestrated by anti-Vatican media aimed at weakening the papacy and its moral authority.

The pontiff and many bishops have been assailed by accusations from victims of clergy sexual abuse that Benedict helped shape and perpetuate a climate of coverup toward the crimes against children in parishes, schools, orphanages and other church-run institutions.

Victims and their advocates are demanding that Benedict take personal responsibility.

Benedict was holding up well against the campaign of "deceitful accusations" against him, Venice Cardinal Angelo Scola said in an interview on Italian state TV yesterday. Scola said he recently had dined with the Pope, who was drawing on his "usual spiritual energy."

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Pope Benedict XVI waves to faithful during the "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the World) message at the end of the Easter Mass at the Vatican yesterday.

Bishop attacked

- Police say a man attacked the Roman Catholic Bishop of Muenster, Germany, with a broom handle during an Easter service in the city's cathedral. Police said 60-year-old bishop Felix Genn defended himself with an incense bowl and was unharmed.

News in brief

EARTHQUAKE A 7.2 magnitude earthquake south of the U.S.-Mexico border yesterday swayed high-rises in downtown Los Angeles and San Diego and was felt across Southern California and Arizona, knocking out power and breaking pipes in some areas but causing no major damage.

TURKEY A Turkish television station says the country will name a new ambassador to Israel to replace the envoy who was humiliated by an Israeli official. NTV yesterday reported that Oguz Celikkol was to be replaced by diplomat Kerim Uras. Celikkol did not receive a handshake during a January meeting with Israel's deputy foreign minister, Danny Ayalon.

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UN head calls for action on a 'shocking' environmental disaster.

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Senegal to reclaim French military bases

Senegal's president says the country will reclaim three French military bases to mark its 50th year of independence from France. President Abdoulaye Wade said yesterday the government will retake the bases that house some 1,200 troops. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thai protesters shift locations

Thailand's capital, unnerved by nearly four weeks of turmoil, braced for renewed anti-government demonstrations as protesters announced they would shift to a new location after paralyzing Bangkok's commercial heart over the weekend.

The weekend protests forced the closure of at least six upscale shopping malls and tough security measures at nearby five-star hotels, with economic losses estimated at up to $15 million per day.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has repeatedly refused demands of the so-called Red Shirts that he immediately dissolve Parliament and call new elections, despite protracted protests in the capital and unsuccessful negotiations last week.

The protesters, mostly farmers from impoverished provincial areas, have vowed not to let up their pressure until Abhisit's government steps down.

> **"What else can they do to us? We're told what we're doing is legal. I'm not going to give up so easy. We only live once."**
> Thai protester Thongyoi Jitmun

The decision by the Red Shirts to move out of the commercial district appeared to head off a confrontation with government forces, who said they were prepared to use tough measures to clear the protesters from the area, which they began occupying Saturday.

Jatuporn Prompan, a protest leader, said yesterday the demonstrators would move to an undisclosed location in the morning — just before the government said it would obtain a court order to clear the commercial district.

Army spokesman Col. Sansern Kawekamnerd warned the Red Shirts not to enter other nearby business or residential areas and said the government has barred them from 11 major roads in the capital.

Many of the protesters slept again last night on trash-strewn pavement in the shadow of the luxury hotels and shopping centres.

"I'm impressed by the leaders. They've shown the tough stuff that we so need," said Thongyoi Jitmun, a protester from northeastern Thailand. "For the government's part, their effort has been futile. What else can they do to us? We're told what we're doing is legal. I'm not going to give up so easily. We only live once."

But many showed signs of fatigue. To escape the scorching sun, weary protesters huddled in the shade of an entranceway to a closed shopping mall.

DAVID LONGSTREATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anti-government demonstrators gather to listen to speeches yesterday outside one of Bangkok's upscale shopping malls.

The Red Shirt movement — known formally as the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship — consists largely of supporters of ex-prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra and pro-democracy activists who opposed a 2006 military coup that ousted him on corruption allegations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Four shot dead in L.A. restaurant

MURDERS Los Angeles police were searching yesterday for at least one gunman who killed four people and wounded two others at a San Fernando Valley restaurant.

Investigators believe the victims in Saturday's shooting at the Hot Spot Cafe in Valley Village were targeted, said deputy Chief Kirk Albanese.

KATE ZULU
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"We don't have a crazed gunman running around North Hollywood that presents an immediate threat to public safety, to anyone in their homes or businesses in the area," Albanese said. "However, this is also not a random act of violence, this was an intentional act."

The Hot Spot Cafe, a Mediterranean restaurant, was filled with customers when gunfire erupted around 4:40 p.m. Saturday, police said.

Three men died at the scene and another later died at a hospital. Two other people were wounded and are expected to survive. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bombings kill dozens in Baghdad

IRAQ Suicide attackers detonated three car bombs in quick succession near foreign embassies in Baghdad yesterday, killing more than 40 people in co-ordinated strikes that Iraqi officials said were intended to disrupt efforts to form a new government.

The bombings followed the execution-style killings of 24 villagers in a Sunni area two days earlier, a spike in violence that suggests insurgents are seizing on the political uncertainty after the recent election to try to destabilize the country as U.S. troops prepare to leave. No clear winner emerged from the March 7 vote.

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Iraqis inspect the site of a car bomb attack yesterday near the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad.

Yesterday's explosions went off within minutes of each other, starting shortly after 11 a.m. One struck near the Iranian Embassy and two others hit an area that houses several diplomatic missions, including the Egyptian Consulate and the German and Spanish embassies. It was not immediately known whether diplomatic staff were among the victims.

Authorities said they foiled two other attacks aimed at diplomatic targets by stopping the would-be bombers' vehicles and defusing the explosives.

Stunned victims in bloody clothes were loaded into ambulances as grey smoke rose over Baghdad.

"I saw children screaming," Hassan Karim, 32, who owns a clothing shop in Baghdad, told The Associated Press. "Cars were crashing into each other in streets, trying to find a way to flee."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, although multiple, co-ordinated bombings in the capital are a hallmark of al-Qaida in Iraq.

The violence suggests insurgents are trying to regroup in the political vacuum left after the elections.

Former prime minister Ayad Allawi's cross-sectarian bloc tapped into heavy Sunni support to come in just two seats ahead of the mainly Shiite list of the incumbent, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. But neither side has enough seats to govern alone, which means they are scrambling to cobble together enough parliamentary support to form a government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American returns home after two months captivity in Iraq

CALIFORNIA A U.S. Army linguist returned to his family in Southern California after more than two months in captivity in Baghdad, according to a National Guard spokeswoman.

Issa Salomi arrived home in San Diego Saturday and was "resting and beginning his adjustment back to normal life," Maj. Kimberly Holman said in an emailed statement.

"He wants to again share that he is healthy, is in good spirits and he adds that he is looking forward to a good home-cooked meal and a few good nights' rest," Holman wrote.

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Salomi, 60, arrived in Texas Tuesday for medical tests and debriefings with Army officials at Fort Sam Houston.

Salomi has not made a public appearance since the Pentagon announced his release March 27, but issued a statement saying he was "safe, healthy and unharmed." He said it was one of the most satisfying moments of his life when his plane touched down on U.S. soil in San Antonio.

The family asked for privacy and planned no immediate public appearances or statements.

A Shiite extremist group claimed responsibility for the Jan. 23 kidnapping and posted a video online that showed a man wearing military fatigues, reading a list of demands for the release of militants, the prosecution of Blackwater guards, and an immediate U.S. troop withdrawal.

The group issued a statement indicating Salomi's release came in exchange for the release by the Iraqi government of four of its members.

Asaib Ahl al-Haq, known in English as the League of the Righteous, said the four were freed "in response to our demands following the capture of the American officer" — a reference to Salomi, who was not identified by name. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

AUSTRALIA A coal-carrying ship that strayed outside a shipping lane and ran aground in protected waters was leaking oil on Australia's Great Barrier Reef and was in danger of breaking apart, officials said yesterday. The Chinese Shen Neng 1 ran aground late Saturday on Douglas Shoals, a favourite pristine haunt for recreational fishing east of the Great Keppel Island tourist resort. The shoals — off the coast of Queensland state in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park — are in a protected part of the reef where shipping is restricted by environmental law. Authorities fear an oil spill will damage the world's largest coral reef, which is listed as a World Heritage site.

KOREAS North Korea is accusing South Korea of opening fire in the military buffer zone that separates the two countries. The official Korean Central News Agency said yesterday that South Korean forces committed a "grave armed provocation" during the afternoon by firing toward a civil police post on the northern side of the demilitarized zone. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff denied the North's claim. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Breastfeeding American women could save country billions of dollars
The lives of nearly 900 babies would be saved each year, along with billions of dollars, if 90 per cent of U.S. women breastfed their babies for the first six months of life, a cost analysis says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Killing called 'declaration of war'

A top member of a South African white supremacist group said yesterday that the slaying of their leader was "a declaration of war" by blacks against whites, as the president appealed for calm amid growing racial tensions in the once white-led country.

JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Followers of slain AWB leader Eugene Terreblanche bring flowers to his property gate yesterday.

Andre Visagie of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging movement, better known as the AWB, said the group would also urge soccer teams to avoid the upcoming World Cup tournament in South Africa out of safety concerns. He said the group would avenge the Saturday death of leader Eugene Terreblanche, but did not give details.

"The death of Mr. Terreblanche is a declaration of war by the black community of South Africa to the white community that has been killed for 10 years on end," Visagie said. He echoed other members of the group in blaming a fiery youth leader for spreading hate speech that he believes led to his killing.

The ruling African National Congress disputed Visagie's statement. "The black community has never declared war on any other nationality in South Africa," ANC spokesperson Jackson Mthembu said. "It is in fact incorrect and these are sentiments that fuel polarization of the South African populace."

President Jacob Zuma appealed for calm following "this terrible deed." In a statement, he asked "South Africans not to allow agent provocateurs to take advantage of this situation by inciting or fuelling racial hatred."

Terreblanche's violent death — police said he was bludgeoned to death by two of his farm workers in an apparent wage dispute — also heightened the din around an ongoing controversy over ANC Youth Leader Julius Malema's performance last month of an apartheid-era song that advocates killing white farmers. Malema yesterday denied responsibility during an official visit to neighbouring Zimbabwe. "ANC will respond to that issue," he said "On a personal capacity, I'm not going to respond to what people are saying. I'm in Zimbabwe now, I'm not linked to this." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shrunken Aral Sea named one of world's 'greatest environmental disasters'

ENVIRONMENT The drying up of the Aral Sea is one of the planet's most shocking environmental disasters, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said yesterday as he urged Central Asian leaders to step up efforts to solve the problem.

Once the world's fourth-largest lake, the sea has shrunk by 90 per cent since the rivers that feed it were largely diverted in a Soviet project to boost cotton production in the arid region. The shrunken sea's evaporation has left layers of highly salted sand, which winds can carry as far away as Scandinavia and Japan, and which plague local people with health troubles.

"On the pier … I could see only a graveyard of ships," Ban said after arriving in Nukus, the nearest sizable city and capital of the autonomous Karakal-pak region. "It is clearly one of the worst disasters, environmental disasters of the world. I was so shocked," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

9 miners rescued

CHINA Nine miners were pulled to safety early this morning after spending more than a week trapped in a flooded coal mine in northern China.

The first survivor was brought to the surface just past midnight, 179 hours after the Wangjialing mine filled with water. A crowd of rescue workers, miners and security workers outside the entrance of the mine shaft clapped as the miners were carried out. The nine men were among 153 trapped since March 28. State television said others may be alive. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

WASHINGTON The second-ranking Republican senator is distancing himself from the national party chairperson after recent news that the party spent nearly $2,000 at a sex-themed nightclub in California. Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl told Fox News yesterday, "this kind of thing has got to stop or they won't get any contributions." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. economy 'beginning to turn the corner': Obama
U.S. President Barack Obama on Friday hailed a new government report showing the most jobs created in nearly three years. "We are beginning to turn the corner," he said. Businesses added 162,000 jobs to their payrolls in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

Facebook buys Divvyshot

Facebook has acquired a startup called Divvyshot to create more ways for its 400 million users to share their photos online. Divvyshot, a year-old startup based in San Francisco, runs a service that makes it easier for more people to contribute to the same online photo album. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Faithful queue for iPad

Now that the iPad is in the hands of early adopters, the hard work for Apple Inc. begins.

Eager customers intent on being among the first owners of this new class of gadgetry stood in long lines across the U.S. Saturday. They seemed willing to buy first — and discover uses for the iPad later.

In some ways, it was reminiscent of the lines and hoopla surrounding the 2007 launch of the first iPhone. The difference: People knew then that the iPhone would replace their existing cellphone.

With the iPad, which fits somewhere between phone and computer, Apple must convince people who already have smart phones, laptops, e-book readers and home broadband connections that they need another device that serves the same purposes.

Skeptics point to all the ways the iPad comes up short. They argue the on-screen keyboard is hard to use and complain that it lacks a camera and ports for media storage cards and USB devices such as printers. They also bemoan the fact that the iPad can't play Flash video, which means many websites with video clips will look broken. And the iPad can't run more than one program at a time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

iPad versus iPhone

- The iPad is essentially a much larger version of Apple's iPhone, without the calling capabilities. Just a half-inch thick, the device has a 24.6-centimetre touch screen — nearly three times the iPhone's. Also like the iPhone, it has no physical keyboard.

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Apple workers cheer Saturday as the first customers buy an iPad on the first day of sales at an Apple Store in San Francisco.

Southwest, WestJet deal stuck on runway?

AIRLINES Southwest Airlines Co. may be looking soon for a new partner to provide service to Canada.

Southwest has planned for more than a year to sell travel to Canada on board flights operated by Calgary-based WestJet Airlines Ltd. But media reports indicate that WestJet is talking about a similar deal with Delta Air Lines Inc., which would transfer a few takeoff and landing slots at New York's LaGuardia Airport to the Canadian carrier.

Southwest's executive vice-president of planning Bob Jordan said Thursday that a WestJet-Delta deal could conflict with the Southwest-WestJet partnership. Jordan also said WestJet has made unacceptable demands of Southwest, which he didn't describe.

If the two can't work out their differences, Jordan said, Southwest will look for other ways to offer customers flights to Canada.

WestJet spokesman Robert Palmer said the airline "continues to have a strong relationship with Southwest and an agreement in place."

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Pact

- Under a so-called code-sharing agreement, Southwest would sell seats on WestJet planes flying from a few locations in the United States to Canada. The two airlines would share the revenue.

Tembec selling French pulp mills

FORESTRY Quebec-based forestry company Tembec says its European subsidiary, Tembec SAS, is in advanced talks to sell two pulp mills in France to Paper Excellence B.V.

The price tag is $137 million in shares and assumption of debt, Tembec said.

The sale of the two kraft pulp mills, located in Tarascon and Saint-Gaudens, France, ends a process announced last November.

Tembec said the deal should close after the company has consulted with mill employee committees, as required under French law.

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3-D displays Look Ma, no glasses

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A model's image is shown Friday in the 3-D liquid crystal display unveiled by Sharp Corp. in Tokyo, Japan. Sharp's latest 3-D displays deliver bright, clear imagery without the cumbersome glasses usually required. The bad news: They only work on a 3-inch screen held a foot from the viewer's face. The smaller displays are intended for mobile devices such as cellphones, game machines and digital cameras, but the technology may be applied to TVs in the future.

Jobs data likely to give stock markets a lift

MARKETS A solid employment report showing the strongest U.S. job growth in almost three years should give stock markets a lift this coming week.

The U.S. Labor Department reported Friday that the economy created a total of 162,000 jobs during March. But investors were particularly relieved at data showing that the private sector was responsible for 123,000 of those positions, the most since May, 2007.

"The fact that the private sector increased so much, that's the main part," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. She noted that the report is part of a wider trend showing a continuing recovery from the worst recession in decades.

The Canadian employment report for March will be released Friday. It is expected to be positive as economists forecast that the Canadian economy cranked out about 25,000 jobs last month, on top of just fewer than 22,000 jobs in February.

The data could drive the Canadian dollar to parity with the U.S. dollar for the first time since July 2008. Rising commodity prices helped push the loonie to just more than 99 cents US at the end of last week.

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Jennifer Lee, economist

U.S. denies delaying report on China currency linked to Iran

CURRENCY The White House denies any connection between delaying a report on China's currency policies and seeking China's co-operation on new penalties against Iran for its nuclear program.

The report to Congress was due April 15 — just as China's president comes to Washington for a nuclear security summit.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Saturday he was delaying publication because several high-level international meetings in the coming months would be a better way to advance the U.S. position. White House economic adviser Lawrence Summers told ABC's This Week that those meetings are a good way to have a direct dialogue with the Chinese. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama walks fine line between claiming credit for economic recovery and reining in optimism.

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HSBC sues Xceed Mortgage
Toronto-based Xceed Mortgage Corp. says it has been sued by HSBC Financial Corp. over alleged breaches of credit and collection policies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big box watching you

Retailers testing cameras to track customers

Imagine walking into a big box store and having your every move, glance and gesture tracked by a computer's robotic eye, following you — and every other shopper — as you peruse the aisles, stop to look at product displays and pick up items.

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Retailers could soon use cameras to track customer habits.

Your route is measured and notes are made about whether you meandered through the store or went straight for what you needed. The length of time you lingered over a buying decision is marked, along with how long you spent looking at special displays and the week's bargains.

This technology is not typically found in Canadian stores, but it could be soon, as the retail world embraces a wide range of technologies designed to measure consumer trends and boost sales.

In a Mississauga office lies the 3,000 square-foot lab of Think ROI, a collaboration between numerous companies that gives merchants a chance to test drive the latest in retail technology within store mock-ups that look just like the real thing.

During a recent visit to the lab, small cameras were scattered across the ceiling and connected to software that analyzes customer behaviour and spits out data on how they react to merchandise.

"You can start to see where the flow of traffic is and ... where people accumulate," said Dave Rodgerson, a marketing manager for IBM Canada.

"You can see if people are consistently stopping mid-aisle (for a product)."

Other cameras can be placed discreetly within displays to help merchants gauge the customers' responses to them.

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Going Green

Past a tipping point?

The book Eaarth leads readers to the devastating conclusion that we no longer inhabit the world in which we've flourished: We've passed the tipping point for prevention, and that only immediate, massive change will stop the damage. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Greenwashing away intent

Companies continue to launch disingenuous 'green' campaigns

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Paul de Clerk, Coordinator of the Corporate Campaign at Friends of the Earth International, describes greenwashing as "the practice of companies disingenuously spinning their products and policies as environmentally friendly."

Companies launch cleverly-angled advertising campaigns convincing consumers with claims that are at best vague, unsubstantiated, and irrelevant (for example, "CFC free" even though these are illegal). At worst the claims are completely untrue or plain bizarre (organic cigarettes- seriously?)

AN UGLY TRUTH

De Clerk highlighted what he believes to be the two most outrageous greenwashing claims to have been splashed across advertising billboards worldwide saying, "A few years ago, Shell had an ad showing an oil refinery chimney with flowers coming out instead of smoke … hardly possible."

"The second example, against which Friends of the Earth filed a successful complaint, involved the Malaysian Palm Oil Council. The ad, which ran in The Economist magazine, falsely claimed palm oil resources were sustainable when in reality the palm oil trade had caused deforestation and conflict."

However, about a year after the complaint the Malaysian Palm Oil Council launched another advertising campaign, this time claiming that palm oil was the "green solution."

De Clerk says a big problem faced by environmentalists is that even when bodies like the ASA (Advertising Standards Authority) in the UK or Friends of the Earth file complaints, companies are not fined, and are free to repeat similar campaigns.

"Filing a procedure for a greenwashing claim can take months, by which time the advert has had the desired impact on consumers." he said.

"The companies suffer no direct impact as by the time the advert is banned, the campaign is most likely to be over."

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE...

Green issues matter to big business, and even coal companies are claiming to be environmentally friendly.

Energy Company E.ON, based in Germany, has plans to build coal-powered plants, yet in its advertising campaigns, the company focuses on its renewable power sourcing schemes, such as windmills. Although these represent a small percentage of the product portfolio (coal, gas and nuclear energy make up the rest) they are the ones the public are usually exposed to.

The facts speak for themselves — energy website electricityinfo.org states that between April 2008 and March 2009 E.ON's portfolio was: coal 43.4 per cent, natural gas 45.2 per cent, nuclear 6.2 per cent and renewables a tiny 0.3 per cent.

WHO CARES?

Both consumers and companies are all too aware of the commercial imperative to be seen to be "green." And as environmental issues have become more important and mainstream the PR greenwashing has become more sophisticated and more prevalent.

The net losers are the companies whose green credentials are based on fact — and the spin-weary consumer.

Eventually consumers will get frustrated, lose all faith in green claims and start ignoring all green campaigns.

Ads that promote green approaches, without backing up their claims with green actions, are considered greenwashing.

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Expert pointing to success of enviro-transparency

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Metro World News

Metro sat down with Green Detective Kevin Tuerff, president of Enviro-Media Social Marketing, to find out more about the practice of greenwashing.

Q What are the ultimate "sins" of greenwashing?

A In 2007 we saw a flood of green ads on TV, print and online. A lot of the claims were complete exaggerations, or greenwashing. Although the advertising industry has standards for ethics, they appear to be forgotten by many marketers as they attempt to sell products or services. Some green claims may appear harmless, others are causing harm to consumers, usually economic and sometimes health-related.

Q Media focus on the environment has led to some companies making inaccurate claims — do they get away with it?

A Standards for green marketing vary by country. In the UK and other EU countries, advertising standards boards have levied penalties against some companies for greenwashing.

In the United States however, the Federal Trade Commission is years behind in releasing new standards for environmental marketing. We knew in 2007 that it would be years before any new rules were developed, so we developed a public service scheme with advertising professors from the University of Oregon to help consumers become aware of greenwashing, training people how to analyze green ads. The result is the website greenwashingindex.com.

The forum is driven by consumers who find, post and rate environmental ads based on the five criteria we developed.

Q What has been the most outrageous cases of greenwashing you have seen?

A The industries that have the most adverts accused of blatant greenwashing have come from the energy and automobile sectors. These sectors have the most at stake when it comes to potential regulation of greenhouse gas emissions related to global climate change.

Kevin Tuerff

The most ridiculous ones span from a TV ad that uses sexy models down in the coal mine to promote the myth that coal is a clean fuel, to a car company that changed its logo to green and promoted a 50 per cent increase in fuel efficiency in its new model truck.

The problem that vehicle was the baseline for the statistic was only 10 miles per gallon (US). You had to read the fine print to realize that.

Q Will consumers eventually grow weary of these of these claims?

A A 2009 study of U.S. households by Green Seal and EnviroMedia, revealed one-third of consumers were unaware of how to evaluate green marketing claims.

Q Why do companies need to greenwash?

A The explosion of consumer interest in green products and services right about the time of the global economic crisis, led to companies being lazy and desperate to make money.

The smartest companies are ones that have transparency: they tell the good, the bad and the ugly about their company's impact on the planet.

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5 labels to look for

Metro compiles a list for savvy consumers

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

To help clear up the confusion caused by greenwashing Metro has compiled the top five things green savvy consumers should look for on labels.

Energy ratings are attached to most new items.

1 Eco labels

State the environmental impacts of a product throughout its average lifecycle — from production to use and disposal.

Most companies must be independently certified and meet strict criteria for the main environmental impacts their product may cause across the entire life cycle.

2 Energy labels

Rating system for energy efficient products that cause minimum impact on the environment. Household appliances such as fridges, freezers, washing machines, tumble driers, dishwashers, ovens, light bulbs and air conditioners. Products are generally given a rating between A and G, with A being the most efficient.

3 Green labels and claims

These are designed to help consumers choose products that cause the least harm to the environment. Unfortunately, these labels and claim tend to be unclear, vague and without a proper explanation as to what the green credentials really are.

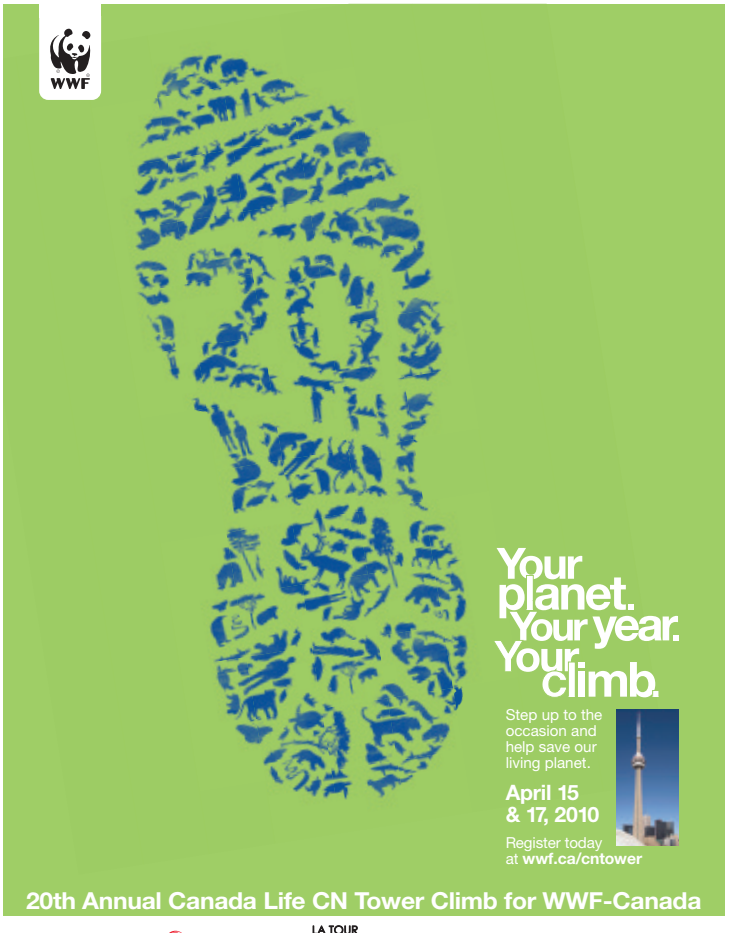
A company that claims their product is "kind to its natural surroundings or nature" must be able to support this claim by concrete facts, otherwise this is meaningless.

4 Organic labels

The meaning of the word "organic" is one that has been defined by law Organic farming, for example, carries strict guidelines on the artificial chemical fertilizers and pesticides used in the process. Organic standards don't just apply to food, but textiles, cosmetics and wood products as well.

5 The wider world labels

These schemes aim to provide sustainable livelihoods as well as protect the ecosystem and biodiversity of the country they originate from.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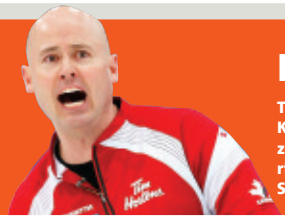

Koe stays perfect

Three matches and three wins into world men's curling championship, Kevin Koe, left, and his Canadian rink are starting to find their comfort zone. The Edmonton skip extended his perfect start with pair of victories yesterday, retaining a share of first place with Scotland's Warwick Smith at 3-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Marcum not losing sleep over first start

OPENING DAY If Jays right-hander Shaun Marcum was at all worried about the responsibility and pressure of becoming the first opening day starter since 2002 not named Roy Halladay, he had an unusual way of showing it. Marcum spent much of the time prior to yesterday's workout at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington asleep on a training table in a back room.

Shaun Marcum

"I'm sure the adrenaline will hit (today), but this feels like just a normal workout day," Marcum said. "I feel like if I go out there and just throw my game, throw strikes, keep the ball down, we're going to have a pretty good chance to win. That can be said for just about anybody that takes the ball. That's the main focus right now, is just go out there and locate all my pitches.

"When I miss, make sure I miss to the right spots, go as far as I can and try and get the ball to (closer Jason) Frasor."

Marcum is just the third pitcher this century to miss an entire season and then start for his team the next opening day. The others were Scott Erickson of the 2002 Orioles and Carl Pavano of the '07 Yankees.

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Chris Bosh spins around Anthony Tolliver yesterday during the Toronto Raptors/Golden State Warriors game at the ACC. Despite a last-minute comeback attempt, the Raptors lost 113-112.

Late surge falls short

NBA RESULTS

Warriors 113 Raptors 112

Corey Maggette had 31 points and Stephen Curry added 29 points and 12 assists as the Golden State Warriors outgunned the Toronto Raptors 113-112 last night.

Curry, the son of former Raptors sharpshooter Dell Curry, was the difference-maker in a highly entertaining game at the Air Canada Centre, scoring 21 points in the second half as the Warriors (23-53) won their second straight game. He hit three straight jumpers to break a third-quarter tie, and added three three-pointers early in the fourth as Golden State held off a late charge.

Toronto rallied from a 16-point fourth-quarter deficit to make it a 113-112 game with 2.7 seconds left, but missed a golden chance to escape with the win. After Chris Bosh hit a pair of free throws, Sonny Weems stole the Golden State inbounds pass and made a blind pass to Bosh, who missed his attempt from in close as the horn sounded.

The win was a significant one for Golden State head coach Don Nelson, who earned his 1,332nd career victory to equal Lenny Wilkens for the most in NBA history.

Bosh led all scorers with 42 points for the Raptors (38-38), whose lead over the Chicago Bulls shrunk to one game in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. Both teams have six games remaining, including a head-to-head tilt next Sunday at the Air Canada Centre.

Andrea Bargnani added 18 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors, who saw their three-game winning streak come to an end. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woods makes low-key arrival at Augusta National

MASTERS Tiger Woods arrived without warning on a lazy Sunday afternoon at the Masters.

He offered a playful jab when he greeted two reporters he had not seen in five months, acting as though nothing had changed. He then strolled onto the new practice facility at Augusta National and stopped to chat with Paul Casey.

"It's where I'm used to seeing him," Casey said, choosing to keep their conversation private. "All of a sudden he appeared behind me. He was all business as usual — hit 10 balls and go play."

This Masters figures to be anything but that.

Woods has not been seen in public, except for a few chosen media appearances, since his middle-of-the-night car accident Nov. 27 that set off explosive revelations of a sordid life hardly anyone knew existed. More than a four-time Masters champion and the No. 1 player in golf, he is famous worldwide for a sex scandal that has made him a regular in tabloids.

He is to speak this afternoon in a news conference of such interest that the club has limited seating to one reporter for each news outlet, with only a few exceptions.

Most of the players have not seen him since he won the Australian Masters Nov. 15, or played in Shanghai the week before. Jim Furyk had not seen him since they celebrated a Presidents Cup victory Oct. 11.

They spoke for about five minutes on the practice green with Furyk's father.

"He's probably here a little earlier than normal," Furyk said.

"I've never seen him here on a Sunday. Generally, it's nice to have him back and I can't wait until he's out here and I don't have to answer any more questions about him."

Woods has created a huge void of information by being in seclusion and in therapy from the accident until he spoke to family and friends Feb. 19 at PGA Tour headquarters in Florida.

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Tiger Woods arrives at the driving range yesterday to practise in Augusta, Ga.

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West Ham ends losing skid

Ilan scored a late equalizer as relegation-threatened West Ham ended its six-game losing run with a 2-2 draw at Everton yesterday, while Liverpool was held 1-1 by Birmingham to lose ground in the race for fourth place and the final Champions League spot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Injuries impact opening day

Plenty of big names out of action as baseball season begins

Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler is on the list. So are Jose Reyes and Carlos Beltran of the New York Mets. Houston Astros first baseman Lance Berkman, Colorado Rockies closer Huston Street and Seattle Mariners pitcher Cliff Lee are right there, too.

You could field a pretty good team with the injured players sitting out opening day.

"Everybody's got their challenges," said Kansas City Royals manager Trey Hillman, who already has two third basemen and his No. 2 starter on the disabled list. "You just try to make sure you have enough depth and enough coverage to feel comfortable with what you're running out there."

Josh Beckett and the Boston Red Sox hosted CC Sabathia and the World Series champion New York Yankees in the major league opener last night, while the baseball begins again in earnest with a full slate of games today.

U.S. President Barack Obama is scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Washington Nationals host the NL champion Philadelphia Phillies, who begin the season with closer Brad Lidge, setup man J.C. Romero and starter Joe Blanton on the DL.

One day in, and Obama will have more time on the mound than three key pitchers on one of the National League's best teams.

"I'm going to be warming him up," Nationals catcher Ivan Rodriguez said of baseball's First Fan.

"I'm going to take a picture with him if he'll let me. It'll be exciting."

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Ian Kinsler

Roy Halladay set to follow Barack Obama on the mound in his Phillies debut

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Baseball Touch 'em all

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New York Yankee Nick Swisher, left, congratulates teammate Curtis Granderson at home plate after Granderson's home run against the Boston Red Sox last night in the opening game of the Major League Baseball regular season.

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Butler centre may miss championship game

BASKETBALL Butler centre Matt Howard was held out of yesterday's practice and could miss tonight's NCAA championship game with a concussion.

Team trainer Ryan Galloy said Howard took two blows in Saturday's 52-50 victory over Michigan State, first banging his head on the floor after a violent collision with two other players and then taking an elbow to the head after he returned to the game. After the second shot, he again left the floor and did not come back.

Galloy described the injury as the "mildest of mild concussions."

"He was woozy, kind of out of it, lethargic, he had a headache," Galloy said. "After the game, he was fine. He wasn't feeling sick, he ate."

Howard, who was not available for comment yesterday, is scheduled to be re-evaluated this morning.

Coach Brad Stevens said Howard's status would be a game-time decision.

"His health is of numero uno priority, and if he can't play, he can't play," Stevens said.

"It will have to be the next man up."

Galloy did not specify what tests Howard would undergo but said doctors and coaches expect Howard to give honest descriptions of how he feels.

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Sports in brief

CANCER Matthew Cook, a sledge hockey player who inspired Canada's team at the Paralympic Games in Vancouver, has died of cancer. His family posted a message on Facebook yesterday saying their beloved son and brother had passed away at home. Cook, 22, played last year for Canada in both the world championship and world sledge hockey challenge.

HOCKEYVILLE A town in the Hamilton area will soon greet NHL hockey stars. Dundas was voted Kraft Hockeyville 2010 Saturday night. The JL Grightmire Market Street Arena will host an NHL pre-season game, and will receive $100,000 in upgrades.

NFL The Philadelphia Eagles traded Donovan McNabb to the Washington Redskins for a pair of draft picks. The Eagles will receive a second-round pick (37th overall) in this month's NFL draft and either a third- or fourth-round pick next year.

TENNIS Andy Roddick won the Sony Ericsson Open by using his dominating serve and a smart baseline game to beat Tomas Berdych 7-5, 6-4. Roddick mixed up the pace on his groundstrokes to keep Berdych off balance yesterday while committing only 16 unforced errors.

HOCKEY Leading 2010 NHL draft prospects Brett Connolly, Erik Gudbranson and Calvin Pickard headline the world under-18 hockey championship roster unveiled by Canada yesterday. The world championship is set for April 13-23 in Minsk and Bobruisk, Belarus.

NBA The Toronto Raptors signed free agent forward/centre Joey Dorsey for the remainder of the season. Dorsey, 26, was taken 33rd overall in the 2008 NBA draft by the Portland Trail Blazers, and then traded to the Houston Rockets.

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MLS rule change unlikely to improve quality of play

JustSoccer

Ben Rycroft

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Depending on who you talk to, it was either a relaxing of the rules that enforce parity or another laughing-stock example of why the league remains the subject of parody.

On Friday, Major League Soccer announced it would be changing the terms surrounding the use of its designated player slot — colloquially called the David Beckham Rule — which allows clubs to pay a single player any amount, with only a certain portion counting against the team's salary cap.

Under the new rules, each club can now have as many as three designated players, and only $335,000 (previously $450,000) will count against the salary cap. Also, teams signing DPs mid-season will only face a $167,000 cap hit.

During a teleconference announcing the change, Todd Durbin, executive vice-president of player relations and competition, explained the move as a way to loosen the reins on spending in MLS while still maintaining "a league that gives every team the opportunity to be successful."

"It's supposed to allow teams that want to go out and sign high-profile players the opportunity to be successful," Durbin said.

"But at the same time, we made sure it's calibrated in a way that teams that don't want to go out and sign designated players also have the opportunity to be successful."

It's a move the league is banking on to increase the overall exposure for MLS, quality of play and competition among its clubs.

So what's wrong with that?

A lot, if you look closer.

While the league could have 16 designated players right now (one per team), only five teams actually have one. So for the league to herald this rule change as a major shift in policy is a little misleading.

And if we are to believe that this relaxing of the rules will spur clubs to charge out and sign the likes of Thierry Henry and Raul (long rumoured to be headed to New York) then it brings up another question — what will the teams look like when more than $1 million of their $2.55-million salary cap is tied up in three players?

"Thin" is a word that comes to mind. MLS already struggles to attract and retain good, emerging talent. Leaving the remaining 21 players to fight over a very small pie doesn't bode well for improving the overall level of play.

So, why not just increase the salary cap further?

To be blunt, there are a lot of poor teams in MLS. Most couldn't afford an increase.

But if the league was serious about increasing the quality of play and promoting real competition amongst its teams, it would have dropped the cap hit clubs now incur from a designated player altogether, allowing for greater wealth distribution to the rest of the roster, to help keep those mid-range and emerging players.

With this move, MLS isn't signalling it's really serious about competition or quality of play — just serious about having more marketable faces.

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Dismissed FNUC finance VP fights firing

Allan Ducharme, the former vice-president of finance and administration of the First Nations University of Canada, has filed a statement of claim against the institution for wrongful dismissal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Quebec to end tuition freeze

In his budget address last week, Quebec's finance minister announced that the province will raise university fees as of fall 2012 to ensure adequate funding of Quebec's universities. The province's education minister will meet with education partners next fall to flesh out the details of the increase, and to discuss the performance and funding of the university network. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Morale: A post-recession hurdle

KEITH CARMAN
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While the recent recession obviously took its toll on the financial sector, one overlooked impact is that on employee morale. Battered by downsizing and frozen or severed wages, many staff members have difficulty keeping spirits during and after economic uncertainty.

While commerce has recovered to the relief of executives, not all personnel share the same buoyancy. They still feel the sting, leaving leaders charged with the task of re-motivating/invigorating underlings back into a state of security and productivity. The question is, how?

"One of my mantras is: If you only remember one thing, it's to invite your people to participate in their own success," answers Andrew Reid, founder of Toronto-based HR consulting and employee/management coaching firm Big Fish Interactive.

"(Bosses) need to ask employees what they want to build or create as a participant in the company, identify what success looks like for them so they'll know when they get there."
Andrew Reid of Big Fish Interactive

"The key point is that an invitation is experienced very differently than a command," he continues. "If I'm invited, I'm being recognized for strengths and talents that I have. It's that simple. The conversation can then help the leadership team identify each level of staff's contribution to the bigger picture so that they can find their place in the success of the organization."

Essentially, Reid declares that when motivation is lacking, onus is on managers, team leaders or business owners to search for what's absent. Generally, that missing link in increased inspiration — and in return, productivity — is a sense of belonging and that an individual's opinion counts, regardless of title.

When administration offer their team an atmosphere of ownership and purpose, direct results are seen via employees setting goals; finding a hand in the future success of the business and applying themselves accordingly. Gone is the resentment of believing they are expendable, replaced by direct responsibility and personal pride in accomplishing missions.

"It's the simplest thing to do, but it's the most missed opportunity," Reid reveals, adding that finding this connection is as simple as going straight to the horse's mouth.

"(Bosses) need to ask employees what they want to build or create as a participant in the company, identify what success looks like for them so they'll know when they get there and then train the executives to blend the needs of the senior executive or corporation (they still need to turn a profit) with the goals of their employees."

Executives caveat though: As the axiom cautions, patience is a virtue. Workers need time to apply strategies in order to achieve goals.

Offering this support ensures that leaders are providing the most important tools necessary for their team to reach revised expectations.

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Andrew Reid of Toronto's Big Fish Interactive says that an invitation is always better than a command when you're trying to remotivate your workforce after the long recession.

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A humanist approach to a global meltdown

BookReview

On the **Brink**

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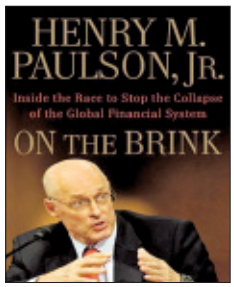
Imagine being given the power to make a decision that could potentially cause or prevent the total collapse of the global financial system.

In the case of Henry M. Paulson Jr., then Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, he had this power or as most would see it, burden. No stranger to the financial world, Paulson came into the position in 2006, leaving behind the role of CEO for Goldman Sachs. One year later, Paulson was in the dead centre of the largest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Paulson starts out his book at the height of an intense decision that was weighed in by then-president George W. Bush. The decision at hand was how to deal with Freddie Mac and Fanny Mae, two mega housing finance giants, who both had sold debt to most of the world … trillions of it. This book sheds incredible light on how far and deep the circumstances were, and understandably why most of the public has no clue as to how severe the situation was … and still is.

Chapter One sees a unforeseeable victory, the successful conservatorship of both Fanny and Freddy over a single weekend. Paulson describes the huge sense of relief felt from this accomplishment; congratulations came from local and international borrowers including the Chinese. The Chinese also cautioned Paulson to not let his guard down just yet. "I had come to Washington to make a difference, and we had, I thought, just saved the country — and the world — from financial catastrophe" said Paulson. The next day Lehman Brothers began to collapse.

His story paints the sense of pressure and urgency that went on at a constant pace for those involved. It's told frankly and paints a very humanist picture of those faced with protecting a nation.



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Andrews keeps dancing, despite threats

ESPN correspondent Erin Andrews has vowed to continue competing on Dancing With the Stars despite learning about emailed death threats. "She's not the type to be easily threatened," her attorney said. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

Badu fined

Singer Erykah Badu was fined $500 US after she stripped nude and pretended to be shot in the head in the same Dallas plaza where former U.S. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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A small piece of sci-fi history

Boba Fett actor still putting on costume 30 years after Empire Strikes Back hit theatres

It's been almost 30 years since The Empire Strikes Back debuted, but for Jeremy Bulloch, better known as bounty hunter Boba Fett in the second film in the original Star Wars trilogy, it never gets old.

Rarely a day goes by without someone wanting to talk to the 65-year-old actor about his most famous role. Which is even more impressive considering that, without the iconic Boba Fett mask, he wouldn't exactly stand out in a crowd.

But at a packed comic convention he is royalty, the man behind one of the most-loved characters in the Star Wars canon and a particular favourite of series' diehards.

Their neverending adoration makes him proudly embrace his place in sci-fi history and talking to Star Wars geeks never gets old, he said in a recent interview.

"I'm not one of those people who says, 'Look, I've moved on, I'm now doing Shakespeare, I'm playing King Lear at the Royal Court (in London).' I'm very proud to have been a part of Star Wars, I'm very proud to have been playing Boba Fett," he said.

"I think I'm terribly lucky and I'm very fortunate to be part of this massive trilogy, the original trilogy we did, and I feel terribly lucky that Boba Fett became very popular. To me I still find it quite difficult to take in how popular he is."

Bulloch is still active on the fan convention circuit in between other acting gigs and has mastered the technique of courtesy and deflection in dealing with fans' queries, both the banal and the borderline obsessive.

"You still have to answer every fan as if it's the first time I've heard the question because I think it's awful to say, 'Well yes, of course, the suit was hot,' and get cross with them," he said.

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Jeremy Bulloch is best known for playing bounty hunter Boba Fett in the second Star Wars movie The Empire Strikes Back.

"About 99.9 per cent of the fans are absolutely magnificent and they're the ones who have kept this going."

When it comes to obscure questions of trivia or complaints about what should have been, Bulloch has a stock answer ready.

"There's the 35 year olds who always have something to say, 'I think this should happen, and why did they do this?' . . . Then I had a five-year-old who literally came up and said, 'Mr. Bulloch, can you tell me a little bit more about the E-33 blaster rifle you carried?'

"I usually say, 'Well I can't answer your question because it's classified information.' That gets me out of any hole if they ask me tricky questions."

If he has any regrets, he just wishes Boba Fett could've lived a little longer in the series and "been a nuisance to Hans Solo and Chewbacca."

"Unfortunately, I went into the sarlacc and that was it. I wished I'd stayed on, I was a little bit disappointed that Boba Fett was got rid of so quickly."

Although he claimed no knowledge of a possible project, Bulloch said he'd love to see Star War" go 3-D in the future.

"I think 3-D would be terrific," he said, "and I'm sure it's not far away."

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Dynasty star Forsythe dies at age 92

John Forsythe, the handsome, smooth-voiced actor who made his fortune as the scheming oil tycoon in TV's Dynasty and the voice of the leader of Charlie's Angels has died Thursday after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 92. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Riding the tech wave

Searching for serenity now with the stress of a 2.0 life

Socialite

Rea McNamara

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I think I need to go on an information diet. Every morning, I wake up and check my Gmail. I dive first into personal correspondence, and then pick or delete the various Facebook event invites.

Then there's my scroll through Twitpic breakfast snaps and bit.ly-shortened news linked tweets, my Facebook status feed and my Tumblr dashboard and — oh, don't even get me started on how many Firefox tabs are open by now.

As you can tell, I worry that I'm a bloated, attention-deficit info junkie who'll often choose the latest Kelis music video over an in-depth analysis on the Afghan detainee issue.

I got thinking about this after reading a Mashable.com article on social media stress. Writer Soren Gordhamer (job title: Silicon Valley Wisdom 2.0 Summit organizer) offered four tips on cutting back the stress 2.0. His practical advice — disconnect, take deep breaths and eat healthy foods — was possibility discounted by his "Apps to Live By" recommendations: Work that body and download iPractice, a $2.99 Yoga Journal iPhone app for a how-to-Sun-Salutation lesson.

"No matter the media, we need to rediscover the discipline of slow reading that has been lost in the frenzy of never-ending RSS feeds and social network life streams."
Paul M. Davis

Do I really need a smart phone's alarm ping for "om" reminders? It's a Catch-22 situation for our digitally-augmented lives: In order to streamline my information diet, I don't need to exactly lower my intake, but just rely on the aggregation. Replace keyword searches with social bookmarking sites. Trust the status update search engine that's my Facebook network.

But then again, it was thanks to a linking Tumblr posting that I speedily-then-stopped-to-re-read a 2009 SantaCruz.com article by Paul M. Davis praising "slow reading" and a re-assessment of our "power user" statuses.

"No matter the media, we need to rediscover the discipline of slow reading that has been lost in the frenzy of never-ending RSS feeds and social network life streams," Davis concludes. "It is, as it's always been, essential for us to read slowly, be engaged with what we read, to constantly challenge ourselves to re-learn how to think, to be critically engaged."

So until our brains become totally rewired, I guess Mashable's onto something with the deep breaths. Did I mention Gordhamer's conclusion? "Learn to surf," I'm not what that entails, but I'd like to figure it out (on my own).

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Charlie Sheen is reportedly looking to leave the top-rated comedy on TV, Two and a Half Men, to focus on movies.

Sheen considering making it One and a Half Men: Source

TELEVISION Actor Charlie Sheen is looking at a future without Two and a Half Men.

According to a person close to the actor, Sheen has told friends that he wants to leave the hit TV comedy in which he's starred for seven years. The person spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because Sheen had made the remarks in private and had not intended them to be discussed publicly.

The show's network, CBS, had no comment, spokesman Phil Gonzales said Thursday. An after-hours call to Sheen's representatives was not immediately returned. Two and a Half Men, which also stars Jon Cryer, is the top-rated comedy on TV and a key part of CBS' Monday night lineup. Last year, CBS gave the show a three-year renewal, through the 2011-12 season, but Sheen's contract is up at the end of the current season.

Sheen, 44, has tired of the demands of a weekly show and wants to focus on movies, the person close to him said. Sheen is in the upcoming film Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, a sequel to the 1987 Wall Street in which he starred.

Sheen's desire to exit the sitcom was reported by People magazine online Thursday.

The actor is grappling with legal problems arising from a fight with his wife in Aspen, Col., last December. He is charged with assault, criminal mischief and menacing, which carries a possible sentence of one to three years in prison.

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The Stereos aren't afraid success will change them

KEITH CARMEN
for Metro Canada

The Stereos, who open for Headley tonight at the Air Canada Centre, have been nominated for two Juno Awards, new group of the year and pop album of the year.

"Without knowing someone's personal values, how can you ever say they're compromising their integrity? It's ridiculous."

Articulate, affable and incredibly grounded, Pat Kordyback is self-assured enough to call things as he sees them.

Today, that means the Stereos vocalist is venting; tired of seeing his band labelled as a bunch of sell-outs thanks to a recent surge in popularity. At that, his angst at misguided opinions regarding his person and band — completed by guitarists Miles Holmwood and Robb Chalifoux, bassist Daniel Johnson and drummer Aaron Verdonk — are justified.

"People say I've changed since I got famous. First, I would never call myself famous and have we ever even met? Where are (people) going with this? How have I changed and what's (their) reference point for how I've 'always been?' People project their insecurities on what they don't like."

Granted, the self-proclaimed "crunk-rockers" (a distinct mix of pop, hip hop, rock and R&B) have garnered a degree of fortuity thanks to accolades from Kiss bassist/mouthpiece Gene Simmons and starring in a MuchMusic reality show dubbed disBAND.

Yet many fail to recognize the degree of trials and tribulations that went into such prosperity. Relocating to Toronto after years of hand-to-mouth destitution and single-digit audiences in their native Edmonton, Stereos has worked hard for achievements including radio hits, a popular eponymous debut album and most recently being nominated for two Junos: new group of the year and pop album of the year.

Kordyback feels Stereos are caught between a rock and a hard place: Animosity from those who covet their position while fearing the work involved to garner it themselves yet browbeaten for enjoying the fruits of their labours.

"It's like when you liked a hot person in high school and someone else gets (them). The first thing you say is, 'Ah, I didn't want her anyway.' Well, of course I did! But you get called arrogant if you're confident. People who are afraid of confidence call it arrogance because it makes them feel better about themselves for not being that way. It's a vicious cycle but I have no qualms about what we do."

From Kordyback's outspoken truths to the band's own driving pop rhythms and increasing popularity, Stereos' fearlessness is obvious. Still, while the band is thankful for their commercial graces, they pay little mind to anything other than their music, holding more value in active fan support. To Stereos, even if the band does win a Juno, the people actively embracing music will always override those sitting behind desks scrutinizing it.

"Those kids finding out about us and supporting us matter most, not people in suits saying what they think is the best music lately," Kordyback asserts. "We appreciate them too but we don't need a piece of crystal on our mantles to believe in what we're doing. … To us, success is knowing those kids are into our music."

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Devo donates iconic hat

MUSIC The oddball rock group Devo has donated one of the red conical hats from its hit video Whip It to an Ohio museum.

The Ohio Historical Society says it has received a small collection of artifacts from the band and its official archivist. The items include stickers, T-shirts, costumes and a flower pot-style hat worn in the band's memorable 1980 video.

Three of the band's founding members grew up in Akron and met at Kent State University in the 1970s.

The group's name came from a theory the human race is in a process of devolution, which members read about in an anti-Darwinism pamphlet.

The band most recently performed in Ohio in 2008 for Barack Obama's presidential campaign. An annual DEVOtional convention is held in Cleveland.

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Box office

1. **Clash of the Titans:** $61.4 million
2. **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?:** $30.2 million
3. **How to Train Your Dragon:** $29.2 million
4. **The Last Song:** $16.2 million
5. **Alice in Wonderland:** $8.3 million US
6. **Hot Tub Time Machine:** $8 million
7. **The Bounty Hunter:** $6.2 million
8. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid:** $5.5 million
9. **She's Out of My League:** $1.463 million
10. **Shutter Island:** $1.462 million

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Last month Grammy Award-winning rapper Lil Wayne was sentenced to a year in jail for having a loaded gun on his tour bus.

Wayne's hopeful website message

Lil Wayne wants his fans to know that his spirit and love will "never be confined to prison walls."

The Grammy Award-winning rapper's message was posted Friday to his new website. He was sentenced in March to a year in jail for having a loaded gun on his tour bus.

The 27-year-old says he's in good spirits and thinks about his four children every day. He says: "I just hope my love and adoration for them provides a temporary bandage on a wound I unknowingly inflicted on them."

Lil Wayne also says he'll be blogging soon for ESPN.

But ESPN the Magazine's Editor-in-Chief Gary Belsky says there are no plans for him to blog at the moment.

His Tha Carter III was the 2008 best-selling album and won a Grammy for best rap album.

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Conrad blames Jackson

New information obtained by TMZ suggests that lawyers for Dr. Conrad Murray, who faces a manslaughter charge in Michael Jackson's death, will argue that Jackson himself administered the fatal dose of Propofol, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Bullock ready to move out, move on

I THINK SHE IS GONNA LET JESSE KEEP THE NAZI UNIFORM A moving truck showed up over the weekend at the house Sandra Bullock shared with Jesse James, according to TMZ, signaling that the Oscar-winning actress may be moving ahead with plans to separate from her husband after his alleged cheating scandal.

The movers reportedly removed a sofa, a love seat and several boxes, while a man and woman supervising the move packed their own cars with more items. Bullock was not present.

With their dad in rehab in Arizona and stepmother Bullock out of the house, Jesse James' three kids have been staying "with a woman who looks like a grandmother-type," a source tells Us Weekly.

The source says that Chandler, 15, Jesse Jr., 12, and Sunny, 6, "are very comfortable with the woman. Earlier in the week the woman took Sunny to a local park after school."

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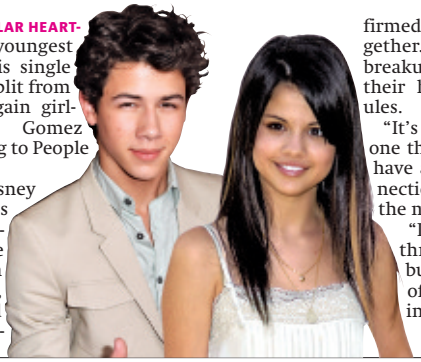
Jonas, Gomez no more



HE'S JUST A REGULAR HEARTBREAKER The youngest Jonas Brother is single again, having split from on-again, off-again girlfriend Selena Gomez again, according to People magazine.

Fellow Disney stars Nick Jonas and Gomez reportedly broke things off again last month, though they'd never confirmed they were back together. Sources say the breakup is due mostly to their hectic work schedules.

"It's evident to everyone that they will always have a super strong connection," a source tells the magazine.

"It's never fun to go through a breakup but Selena has a lot of friends she's leaning on for support."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Bale wants to be a U.S. citizen

IF SCREAMING MAKES YOU A GOOD AMERICAN THAN HE IS A SHOE-IN British actor Christian Bale has applied to become an U.S. citizen, according to tabloid reports. The American Psycho star has lived stateside for nearly 20 years and is married to an American, former model Sibi Blazic. The actor left his native Wales in 1976, lived in Europe and settled in the U.S., female-first.co.uk reports.

And according to U.S. magazine Star, he has decided to officially make the country his home. Bale and Blazic currently reside in Los Angeles with the couple's daughter, Emmeline.

A spokesperson for the actor had not responded to requests for comment as Wenn went to press.

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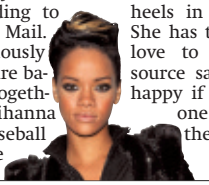
She's in love



HE CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN HER LAST BOYFRIEND RIGHT? Things have been getting very serious between Rihanna and boyfriend Matt Kemp, according to the Daily Mail. Sources previously said the two are basically living together, with Rihanna telling the baseball player he could move in after spring training, and now sources say the pair are considering marriage.

"Rihanna is head-over-heels in love with Matt. She has told friends she'd love to marry him," a source says. "She'd be so happy if he got down on one knee and popped the question."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Alba ready to adopt?

JUST DON'T GET ADVICE FROM MADONNA While she and Cash Warren already have one child, Honor, together, Jessica Alba admits they're looking to expand — and she wants to adopt.

"My mom grew up around a huge family, and they always wanted more kids, and I was like, 'Why don't you just adopt?'" Alba explained on an Extreme Makeover: Home Edition while helping renovate a backyard for a family. "I'm totally inspired. If you have the love, and the capacity to love children, you should just adopt. And I plan on doing it."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Heidi upset at divorce talk

SO WAIT THE HILLS USES CREATIVE EDITING? In a new Hills trailer, Heidi Montag declares she didn't think she'd be divorcing Spencer Pratt on their one-year anniversary.

But a source tells the new issue of Us Weekly, on stands now, that the couple is not only fine — but Montag, 23, was misled into saying they're splitting.

"They tricked Heidi into saying she was divorcing him for an episode tease, before they told her the show was canceled," the insider says. "She didn't realize they were going to end the show without them getting back together." (MTV had no comment.)

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Newton-John's ex found alive

A SUMMER LOVE THAT DIDN'T LAST The former partner of actress Olivia Newton-John, who went missing five years ago on an overnight fishing trip, is living a new life in a Mexican seaside village, the U.K.'s Daily Mail is reporting.

Patrick McDermott vanished in 2005 after ending his nine-year romance with the Grease star. Now the Daily Mail is reporting he is living in the Mexican village of Sayulita and working as a ship's mate on a tourist yacht.

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JOHN MAYER is thinking about the future, **PARIS HILTON** is thinking about staying in, **JIM CARREY** is thinking too much to get to sleep, and **JESSICA SIMPSON** is thinking about a career change.

@johncmayer
I wonder if 20 years from now my brothers and I will be getting cosmetic surgery just as gags to make each other laugh.

@ParisHilton
Just left Best Buy. I love that store, they have everything! Bought a bunch of electronics and dvd's. Movie night again tonight.

@JimCarrey
I know this sounds weird but I lose sleep when I'm in a good mood! Brain likes to play hopscotch!

@JessicaSimpson
Is there an accelerated learning program to become an asteroid miner? If so, I'm in.

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GETTY IMAGES

Perez's faux-pas

IT'S BEST TO LOOK AROUND BEFORE YOU MOCK Lindsay Lohan found herself the butt of the joke at a Star magazine party recently when blogger Perez Hilton asked the assembled crowd for "a minute of silence for Lindsay Lohan," not realizing the Mean Girls star was in the room.

"Everybody cringed, but Lindsay seemed dazed and just stared into space," a source tells Page Six.

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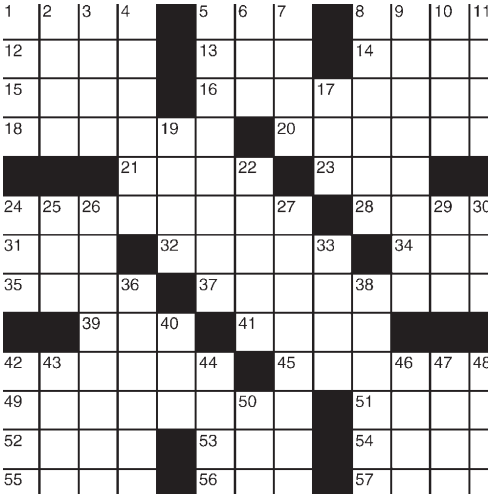

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5 Handheld computer, for short
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16 Specters
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37 Drugstore
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51 Walked (on)
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54 TV journalist Lisa
55 Youngsters
56 Donkey
57 Being, to Brutus

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2 On the briny
3 Staff leader?
4 Perfumery employee
5 Band in "Billboard," maybe
6 Doo follower
7 Distant
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10 Depict
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22 Bygone Persian bigwigs
24 Shriver of tennis
25 Showtime rival
26 Having the same vowel sounds
27 "Red" types of sport fish
29 Fond du —, Wis.
30 007, for one
33 Salver
36 Summertime garb
38 — Beach, S.C.
40 X-ray machine's successor (Abbr.)
42 Lovers' quarrel
43 Cleveland's state
44 "The Thin Man" dog
46 Rainbow
47 Heavy weights
48 Advantage
50 Dawn goddess

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	5		1	3	6		7	
3								1
		1				9		
5	7		3		8		1	4
				4				
2	8		6		5		9	3
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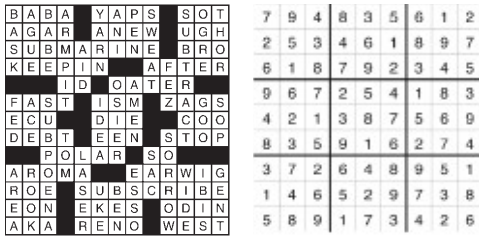
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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4	2	1	3	8	7	5	6	9
8	3	5	9	1	6	2	7	4
3	7	2	6	4	8	9	5	1
1	4	6	5	2	9	7	3	8
5	8	9	1	7	3	4	2	6

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MOM! THE TOOTH FAIRY FORGOT TO COME!
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN AT A PARTY WITH THE LAUNDRY AND DISHWASHING FAIRIES, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T COME EITHER!

Metro Recipe of the Day

Healthier Stovetop Mac and Cheese

A great mac and cheese can be easy. And healthy.

The secret? Whole-wheat pasta shells and a can of squash or pumpkin puree. The latter ingredient may sound odd, but it really is an easy way to add vitamin-packed produce to a dish otherwise devoid of vegetables.

The creme fraiche (you could substitute sour cream, even low-fat sour cream) and Parmesan cheese lend wonderfully creamy and savoury flavours that make the pumpkin seem like a natural for the sauce. A bit of crisped prosciutto also adds tons of flavour. It's a smart choice over bacon for a healthier dish.

INGREDIENTS:

340 g (12 oz) medium whole-wheat pasta shells
15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
4 slices (about 60 g/2 oz) prosciutto, finely chopped
1 can (398 ml/14 oz) pumpkin or squash puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
125 ml (4 oz) creme fraiche
2 ml (1/2 tsp) hot sauce
1 ml (1/4 tsp) cumin
50 ml (1/4 cup) Parmesan cheese
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

METHOD:

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium, heat olive oil. Add prosciutto and cook until just crisp, about 3 minutes. Add pumpkin, creme fraiche, hot sauce, cumin and Parmesan. Cook, stirring often, until hot.

Add pasta to sauce and toss well to coat. Season with salt and pepper.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Keep your head down today and steer clear of people who may not agree with your way of doing things.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will find yourself up against someone every bit as stubborn as yourself today, and a stalemate is the most likely outcome.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Something dramatic will happen this week, something that has been building up for quite some time. You'll be prepared.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's aspects make it easy to change but difficult to change back again if things don't work out the way you expected.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Being a Leo you tend to follow your impulses and to hell with everyone else but that is unlikely to work today.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
So you failed at something? So what? At least it is evidence that you attempted to do something out of the ordinary.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You need to remember that challenge and opportunity are two sides of the same coin. You win either way.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A creative idea can be made to work, but if there is even the shadow of a doubt in your mind your enemies will sense that fact.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You won't be content to sit back and watch the parade go by this week — you want to be out there making things happen.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't worry if you tread on other people's toes today – it's their fault for not moving fast enough. You don't have time to play silly games.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Today there is certainly the potential for conflict, but there is also the potential for getting your point of view across so no one misunderstands.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Keep moving along the path you have been travelling these past few months and don't let criticism or cynicism deflect you from your goals.

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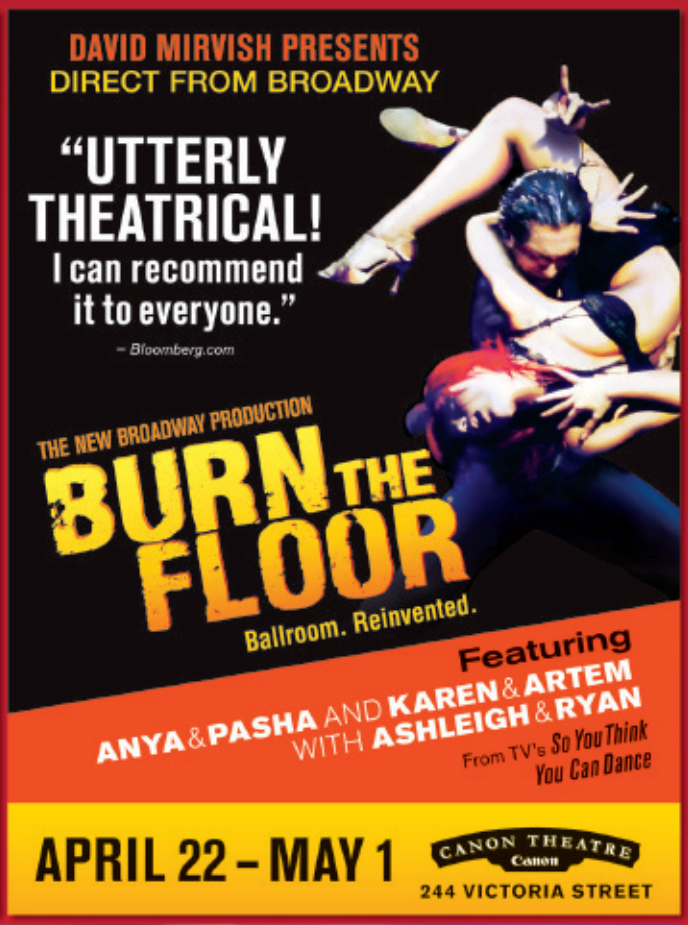

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